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re: MUR 5513

Dear Mr. Jordan,

Thank you for your kind letter of August 18, 2004. I am sorry that you were forced to waste your time and resources dealing with this frivolous complaint designed as a stunt to generate attention in the media.

For the record our firm has in no way violated any of your regulations. Our firm was hired by individuals to conduct ballot access activities on behalf of the Nader for President Campaign. Those individuals were billed for our firm's services and have subsequently paid for those services using personal funds. Those in-kind expenditures have been reported to the Nader Campaign in compliance with all FEC regulations.

The complainant had no regard for your agency's time or resources when submitting this complaint. While violations of FEC law need to be taken seriously in order to ensure that we have fair and open elections, it is equally important that the FEC does not waste its time pursuing cases without merit drummed up by political partisans.

The irresponsible complainant in this case happens to be a lawyer in New Hampshire thus your agency can help put a stop to these kinds of wasteful complaints. I strongly urge you to file a complaint with the New Hampshire Bar Association and the New Hampshire Committee on Professional Conduct to put a stop to these frivolous tactics.

Lawyers can and should be held accountable for misusing the legal process. Attached please find the link for the attorney disciplinary system in our State.

www.courts.state.nh.us/committees/attydiscip/#discipline

If your agency declines to pursue this matter, we will explore our options. Citizens need to take a stand against this kind of abuse of our legal processes.

I'm sure this isn't the first cheap stunt that you and your agency has been dragged into, but I hope that we can find a quick end to this and save you from wasting additional tax dollars.

Please know that my firm and I wish to help you in anyway possible to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

David M. Carney

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